Bulletin #2009-007 25 - June - 2009

Subject:
Production Category Changes and Corrections

Overview:
Effective immediately, the following changes and corrections go into effect.

1. Replace Article 10.2.B.17 with the following.

   17. Final Drive

   If, for the same model, different final drive ratios are normally offered, they may be used. Limited slip or locked differential units are allowed for use in Production category ~~Production GT and Production~~ (including RallyTruck class) ~~class~~ vehicles.

   Rationale:
   When the SP rules were introduced, this Article was unintentionally not changed to include SP. This change corrects the issue.

2. Replace Article 10.2.B.26.a with the following.

   a. Fasteners (e.g., nuts, bolts, and studs) may be freely exchanged and locked by any means.

   Rationale:
   Allowing the exchange of studs is a logical extension of the existing rule allowing the exchange of nuts and bolts.

3. Add the following to Article 10.2.B.26.

   v. The hardware for attaching bumper covers may be supplemented with additional fasteners. Plastic fasteners may be replaced with metal fasteners.

   Rationale:
   The OEM method for attaching bumper covers is often not sufficiently robust for

rally. The change is intended to allow modifications to keep bumper covers on the cars.

4. Replace Article 10.2.B.27 with the following.

   27. Coach Work

      a. Carpets and their associated padding may be removed.

      b. The front seats shall be replaced with seating per Article 5.4.

      c. Standard seat/shoulder belts may be removed.

      d. Passive restraints, including air bags, shall be removed or disabled.

      e. The glove box door may be removed or replaced.

   Rationale:
   This change only impacts the formatting of the Article to make it easier to enforce (by separating out the clauses) and to add clauses in the future.

5. Add the following to Article 10.2.B.27.

      f. Sound deadening, include under-hood “hush” pads may be removed. Firewall heat resistant padding may also be removed.

   Rationale:
   Allowing the removal of sound deadening and firewall heat resistant padding is a logical extension of the existing rule allowing the removal of carpeting and associated padding.

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